

Listing of Claims:

1. - 48. (Canceled).

49. (Previously presented) Method for implementing a machine-readable financial simulation computer program product for creating a project preparation, negotiating and testing environment using the standard project finance tools, comprising:

installing the program which is contained as computer readable code on a computer usable medium for generating financial statements, financial data, charts, graphs and reports using the standard project finance tools, and providing limited recourse including debt service reserve accounts, stand-by loans and risk sharing with suppliers and off-takers in a computer;

permitting entry and editing of data representative of multiple contracts and multiple capital expenditure categories;

selecting a desired loan financing time horizon;

setting a percentage of a capital expenditure time series to be financed; and

generating a loan disbursement time series ~~and~~ independent of changes in capital expenditures and exchange rates based on an earlier automatically generated disbursement time series.

50. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, wherein the capital expenditure categories that can serve as a basis for loan financing comprise a first category which includes total capital expenditure, site, buildings, equipment and pre-production costs; a second category which includes total expenditure in a category element or sub-elements which include imports, local content, customs, imports and customs, local content and customs, and imports and customs; a third category which is an individual contract; and a fourth category which includes a total expenditure of a contract or sub-elements thereof,

including imports, local content, customs, imports and customs, local content and customs, and imports and local content.

51. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising manually editing or entering a loan disbursement time series to manually design individual repayment amounts for each installment and ensuring that, in any given month, more than that month's loan utilization cannot be repaid.

52. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising giving access to all project currencies.

53. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically building inventories.

54. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising allowing cash flow risks to be shared with a supplier including, upon selection of a sales contract and inputting of a percentage to be applied to a sales price of the selected sales contract to obtain input price, establishing a link between the sales contract and the input price and entering the name of the selected sales contract into a variable input record to allow the input price in units of account to vary-- subject to a minimum price time series-- with the sales price time series and an associated exchange rate time series.

55. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising allowing selection of a time needed to produce one output unit.

56. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising creating a cash flow, income statement and a balance sheet which accounts for output variations including maintenance shutdowns.

57. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising allowing sale of output or portions thereof on a cost-plus basis.

58. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising checking dynamic impact of changes in key variables on limited recourse reserve availability.

59. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising providing a monthly equity subscription plan by one of accessing total time series for monthly entries and month-to-month.

60. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising inputting multiple variables per product.

61. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising inputting different types of sales contracts per product.

62. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising break-even testing a sales contract.

63. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further including automatically generating loan repayment time series while permitting, in the case of equal installments, use of free cash flow to prepay loans.

64. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically generating debt service reserves accounts including monthly step ups.

65. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically depreciating capital expenditure for buildings, equipment, pre-production costs and capitalized interest during construction over a number of years inputted by user.

66. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically generating reinvestment time series for capital expenditure categories buildings and equipment.

67. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically generating maintenance time series for capital expenditure categories site, buildings and equipment.

68. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically generating an output time series based upon capacity used including automatic creation of linear, steep or flat learning curves and allowing for manually editing the time series of the capacity used.

69. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising, in case of accessing total time series month-to-month, informing a user after each monthly entry about a resulting equity ratio, required and actual balance of aggregate debt service reserve account, cash flow after aggregate debt service reserve account and additional shareholder investments in the respective month.

70. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising generating automatically and editing manually property tax and corporate tax rate time series.

71. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising automatically performing sensitivity testing on capital expenditure contracts, exchange rates, input costs, interest rates and start up delays.

72. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising validating user entries made on entry forms on screen while a user is inputting entries, thereby ensuring immediate feedback to the user concerning permitted data range and clearing respective entry field even before the user presses an enter button should entry be out of range or of wrong data type and thus preventing lengthy error messages related to numerous entry fields once the user presses the enter button.

73. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising permitting user to select form of presentation of financial statements as monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly.

74. (Original) The method as claimed in Claim 49, further comprising permitting user to change start up of operation month causing automatic updating of capacity use time series including learning curves with user having to revisit capacity use time series only in case user has manually edited capacity use time series.

75. (Original) The computer program as claimed in Claim 1, wherein means is provided to validate user entries on entry forms on screen while user is inputting entries, thereby ensuring immediate feedback to user informing user about permitted data range and clearing respective entry field even before user presses enter button should entry be out of range or of wrong data type thus preventing lengthy error messages related to numerous entry fields once user presses enter button.

76. (Original) The computer program as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising means for inputting and selectively changing project start month and year, fiscal year month and year and month of start up of operations.

77. (Original) The computer program as claimed in Claim 76, wherein said inputting and changing means includes permitting user to select form of presentation of financial statements as monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly.

78. (Original) The computer program as claimed in Claim 76, wherein said inputting and changing means includes permitting a user to change start up of operations month, causing automatic updating of capacity use series including learning curves with the user having to revisit capacity use time series only in case the user has manually edited capacity use time series, to the extent the user's intentions cannot be inferred.

79. (Canceled).

80. (Original) The computer program product as claimed in Claim 79, wherein the program code generates a graphical user interface at a workstation.